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TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING AND MODIFYING ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY OF REMOTELY LOCATED PATIENTS

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/480,432

Applicant(s)

SURWIT ET AL.

Examiner

Carolyn M Bleck

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 18 February 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-28 (renumbered 1-10).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 January 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 16.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on 18 February 2004. Claims 1-43 are pending.

Response to Appeal Brief

2. The Examiner indicated in a telephone interview with Applicant on 18 February 2005 that claims 19-28 were allowable. (For reasons see "Reasons for Allowance" below). Applicant agreed on 23 February 2005 to withdraw claims 1-18 and 29-43 from appeal by canceling these claims. MPEP § 1215.03.

Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 44-73 to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on 3 January 2003. Applicant agreed to cancel claims 44-73 in a telephonic interview on 24 February 2005.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Needham Boddie on 24 February 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-18, 29-43, and 44-73 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 19-28 (renumbered 1-10) are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 19-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker et al. (6,302,844) in view of Brown (6,161,095), the Applicant's admission in the background of the invention of the present application (09/480432), and Surwit et al. (6,024,699). Walker, Brown, and the Applicant's background of the invention failed to expressly disclose displaying identified patient medical conditions for a patient in selectable, prioritized order according to medical severity via a remotely located client in communication with the data processing system. Surwit was relied on for disclosing displaying the identified patient medical conditions for each respective patient in selectable, prioritized order according to medical severity, and in response to selecting one of the identified medical conditions for a respective patient, displaying treatment options for treating the selected medical condition (Fig. 3 and col. 22 lines 1-6).

However, the Surwit patent is barred from being used as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c). According to 103(c), subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section

102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. At page 17 of the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on 18 February 2004, Applicant argues that Surwit cannot be relied on as prior art because Applicant's application and the Surwit patent are commonly owned by Healthware Corporation (presently ZyCare, Inc.). Because the Surwit patent is commonly owned and cannot be relied on as prior art, the Examiner respectfully submits that claims 19-28 are allowable.

The reasons for allowance of claims 19-28 (now renumbered claims 1-10) are the following: the feature of a remotely located data processing system configured to communicate with and receive data from the portable patient apparatus, where the remotely located data processing system comprises: computer code that displays identified patient medical conditions for a patient in selectable, prioritized order according to medical severity via a remotely located client in communication with the central data processing system; and computer code that displays treatment options for treating a selected medical condition for a patient are not disclosed by the prior art. The Examiner respectfully submits that upon performing an updated prior art search, the Bardy reference (6,384,203) was discovered. While Bardy discloses a system for prioritizing multiple health disorders by ordering each patient's pathophysiological status in a temporal sequence from least recent to most recent (col. 3 lines 7-57, col. 16 lines 29-37), Bardy fails to expressly disclose computer code that displays identified patient medical conditions for a patient in selectable, prioritized order according to medical

severity via a remotely located client in communication with the central data processing system, and computer code that displays treatment options for treating a selected medical condition for a patient. For these aforementioned reasons, claims 19-28 (now renumbered claims 1-10) are allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. The cited but not applied prior art teaches a medical care support system (JP 2003030320A), an article discussing computer mapping in behavioral health care (Goknar), a system for automated collection and analysis of patient information retrieved from a medical device (6,607,485).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn Bleck whose telephone number is (703) 305-3981. After April 13, 2005, the Examiner can be contacted at (571) 272-6767. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:00am – 5:30pm, and from 8:30am – 5:00pm on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached at (703) 305-9588.

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